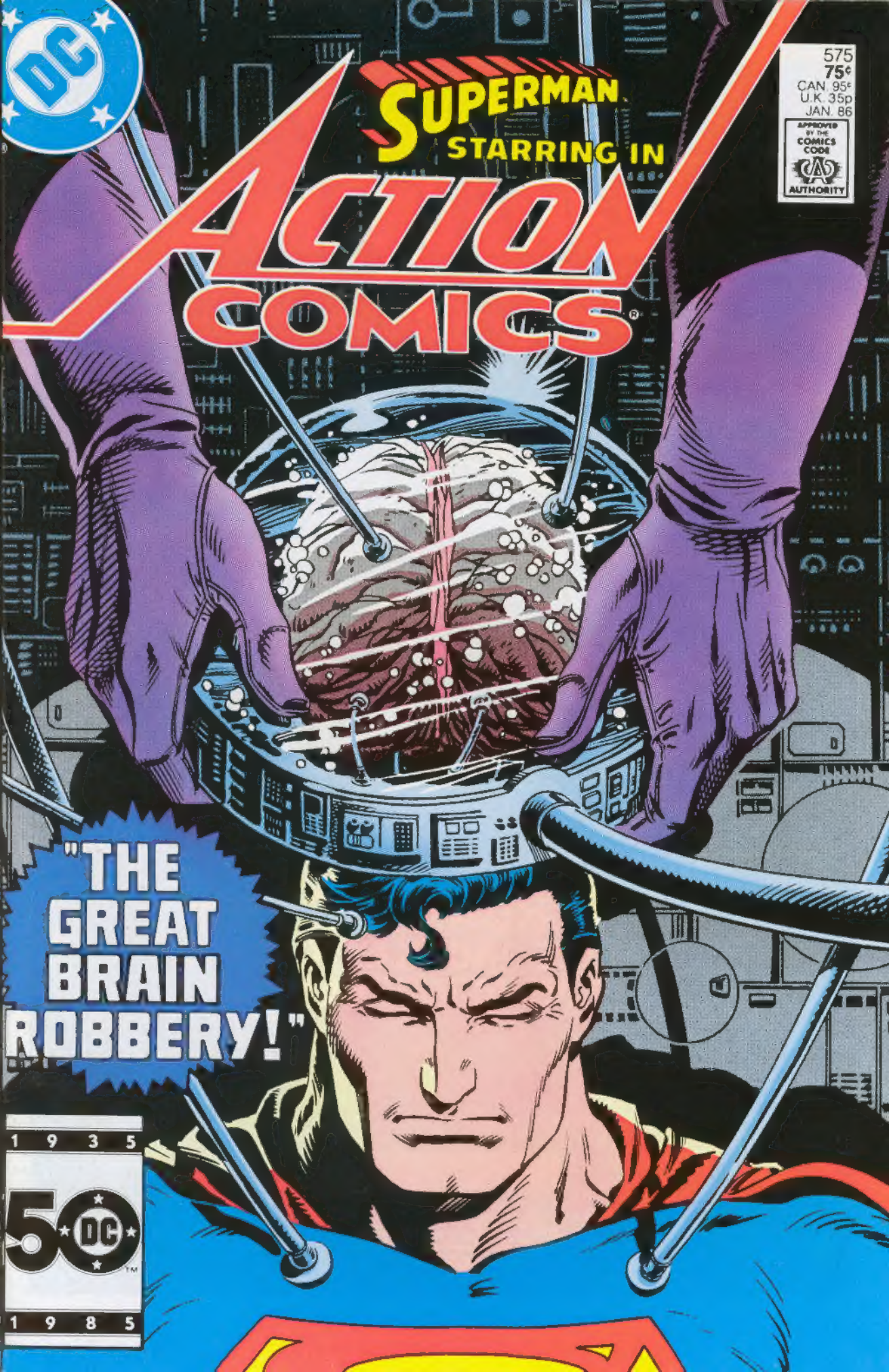
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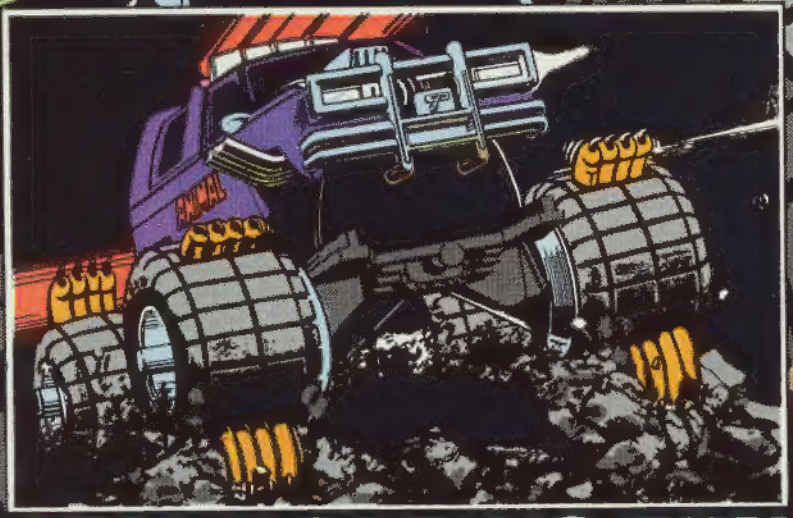

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WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF ROOM AGAIN, INTELLEX!
EACH TIME YOU LIVE UP TO YOUR SOBRIQUET, THE "BRAIN BANDIT," I FEAR WE WILL HAVE TO ADD YET ANOTHER ANNEX TO OUR ALREADY MASSIVE SPACE-CRAFT!
IT MATTERS NOT AT ALL, EYEGORE. A PALACE SHOULD BE BUILT TO HOLD A PRIZE LIKE THIS!

PARDON THE INQUIRY, BUT TO WHOM DID THE... ER, LATEST ADDITION TO YOUR COLLECTION BELONG?
HE WAS BOGOSAR... A GREEN LANTERN OF A DISTANT SPACE-SECTOR! A CREATURE OF INFINITE RESOURCE! TRULY A GENIUS AMONG HIS PEERS.
NOW HIS KNOWLEDGE... HIS BRILLIANCE... THEY ARE MINE! MINE!

EVER IN THE ACQUISITIVE MODE, AREN'T YOU?
FOREVER AND EVER!
I NEED TO KNOW MORE... GAIN MORE... COLLECT MORE! I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING... AND I WANT THE MEANS TO STORE IT ALL!
I HAVE SET THE GEARS IN MOTION TO DO SO! I HAVE USED THESE COLLECTED RESOURCES... TO MAP OUT A NEW PLAN TO INVOLVE--
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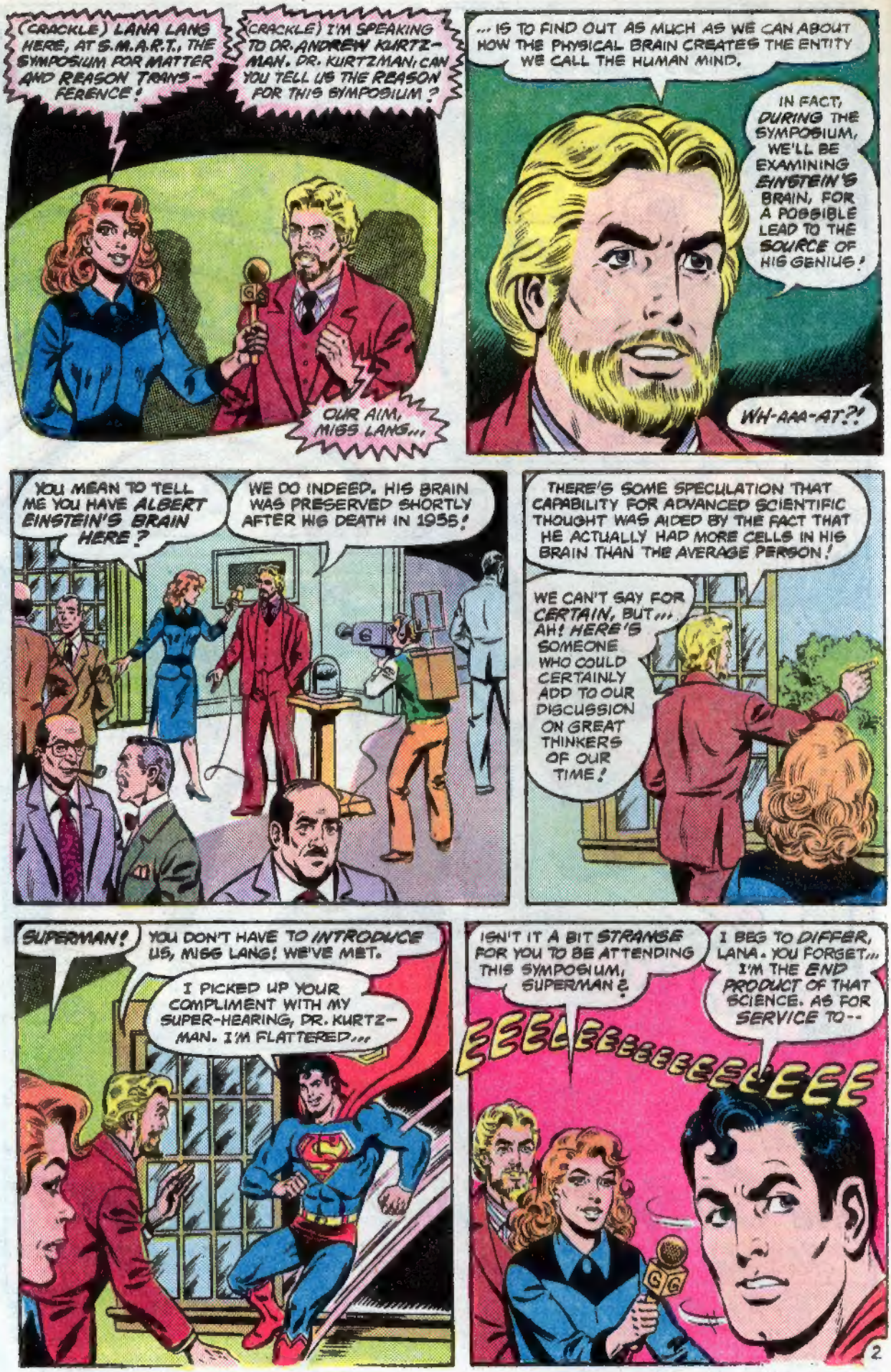
(CRACKLE) LANA LANG HERE, AT S.M.A.R.T., THE SYMPOSIUM FOR MATTER AND REASON TRANS-FERENCE!
(CRACKLE) I'M SPEAKING TO DR. ANDREW KURTZ-MAN. DR. KURTZMAN, CAN YOU TELL US THE REASON FOR THIS SYMPOSIUM?
OUR AIM, MISS LANG...
...IS TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN ABOUT HOW THE PHYSICAL BRAIN CREATES THE ENTITY WE CALL THE HUMAN MIND.
IN FACT, DURING THE SYMPOSIUM, WE'LL BE EXAMINING EINSTEIN'S BRAIN, FOR A POSSIBLE LEAD TO THE SOURCE OF HIS GENIUS!
WH-AAA-AT?!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU HAVE ALBERT EINSTEIN'S BRAIN HERE?
WE DO INDEED. HIS BRAIN WAS PRESERVED SHORTLY AFTER HIS DEATH IN 1955!
THERE'S SOME SPECULATION THAT CAPABILITY FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT WAS AIDED BY THE FACT THAT HE ACTUALLY HAD MORE CELLS IN HIS BRAIN THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON!
WE CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN, BUT... AH! HERE'S SOMEONE WHO COULD CERTAINLY ADD TO OUR DISCUSSION ON GREAT THINKERS OF OUR TIME!
SUPERMAN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO INTRODUCE US, MISS LANG! WE'VE MET.
I PICKED UP YOUR COMPLIMENT WITH MY SUPER-HEARING, DR. KURTZ-MAN. I'M FLATTERED...
ISN'T IT A BIT STRANGE FOR YOU TO BE ATTENDING THIS SYMPOSIUM, SUPERMAN?
I BEG TO DIFFER, LANA. YOU FORGET... I'M THE END PRODUCT OF THAT SCIENCE. AS FOR SERVICE TO--
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

WH-WHAT IS IT?
I DUNNO--IT... IT SUDDENLY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!
QUITE AN ASSEMBLAGE OF BRAINPOWER! I AM IMPRESSED!
I MAY COME BACK FOR THE REST OF YOU SOME-DAY!
AS IT STANDS, I HAVE TO SETTLE FOR EINSTEIN'S BRAIN... INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN'S!
INTELLEX!* YOU'D BETTER--
BETTER WHAT? "DROP THAT TANK"... OR SOME OTHER HEROIC BUT DANGEROUS NEOLOGISM?
I COULD DROP IT... BUT IT MEANS FAR MORE TO ME, I ASSURE YOU!
*They know each other from SUPERMAN #396. Were you there? --Julie.
I CANNOT HAVE YOU TRYING TO STOP ME OR TRACE ME... THAT WOULD BE OBSTRUCTING THE PATH OF SCIENCE!
TO STOP YOUR INTERFERENCE, I'M ENCASING YOU IN A LIVING PRISON... A MUCH-ENLARGED UNICELLULAR ORGANISM.
YOU CAN BREAK FREE-- BUT NOT WITHOUT BREAKING YOUR MUCH-VAUNTED CODE AGAINST KILLING!

A PRINCIPLE I'VE TRIED TO ADHERE TO ALL MY LIFE...AND INTELLEX USES IT AGAINST ME!
STILL, MAYBE THERE IS A WAY OUT...
IF I USE MY SUPER-VISION ON THIS BEAST... PERHAPS I CAN SPEED UP ITS METABOLISM--
--DIVIDING IN TWO... LEAVING ME BEYOND ITS CELL WALLS!
--EVER SO SLIGHTLY-- AND GET IT TO UNDERGO FISSION--
THE THING WOULD'VE EVENTUALLY DIED AND DISSIPATED JUST LIKE THEY'RE DOING NOW-- THOSE STRUCTURES HAVE A SHORT LIFE SPAN.
INTELLEX'S TRAP WAS MEANT TO DETAIN ME, AND IT DID! I'LL HAVE A TOUGH TIME FINDING HIM NOW--
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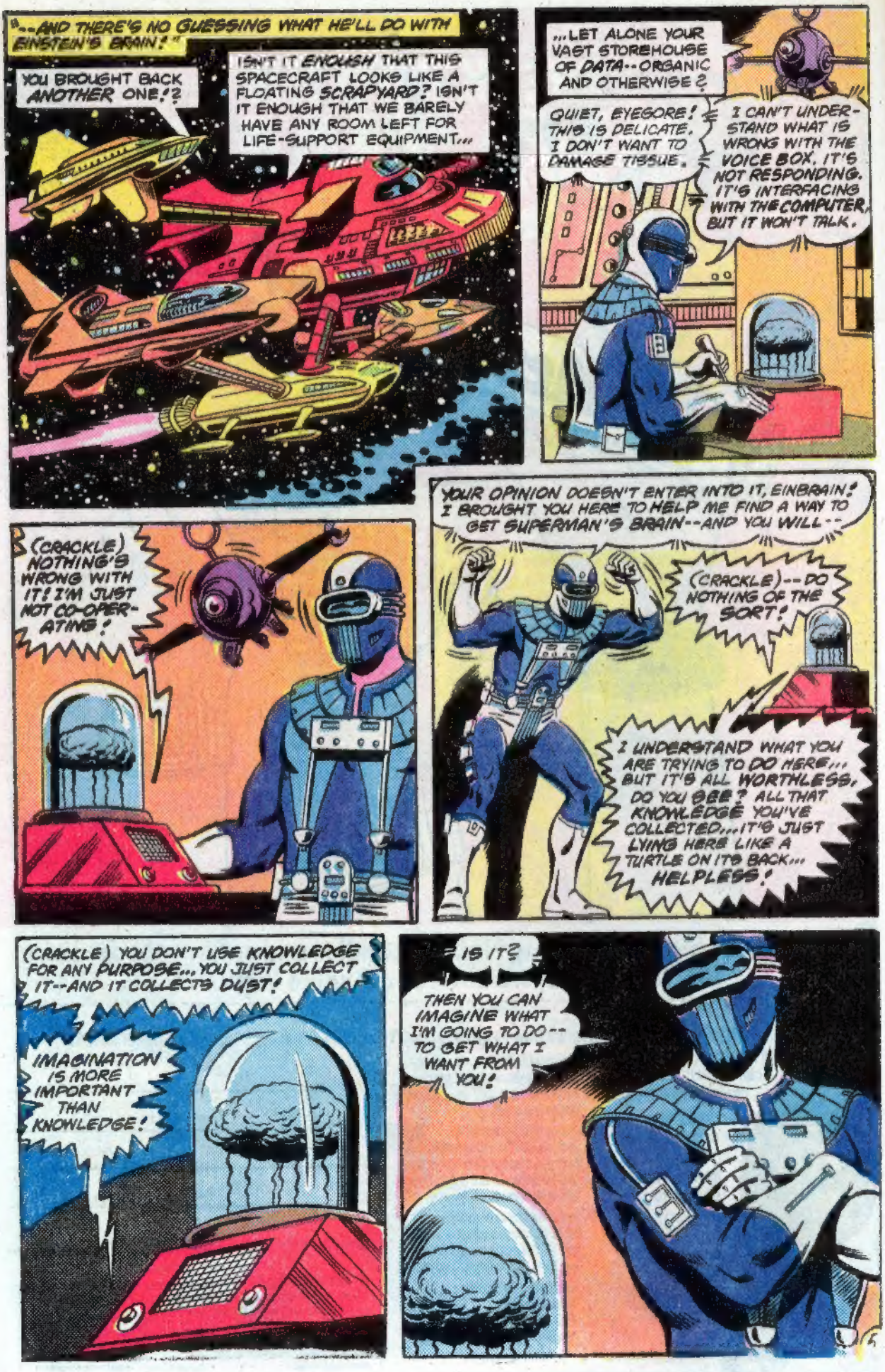
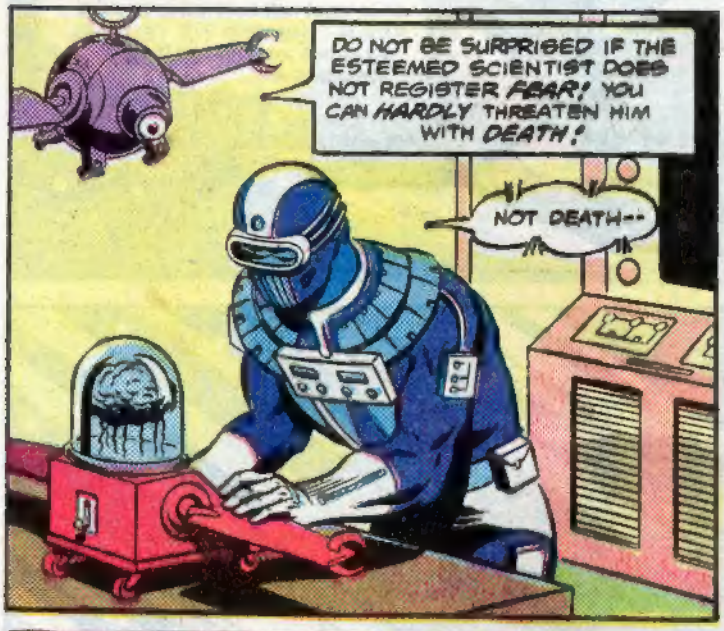
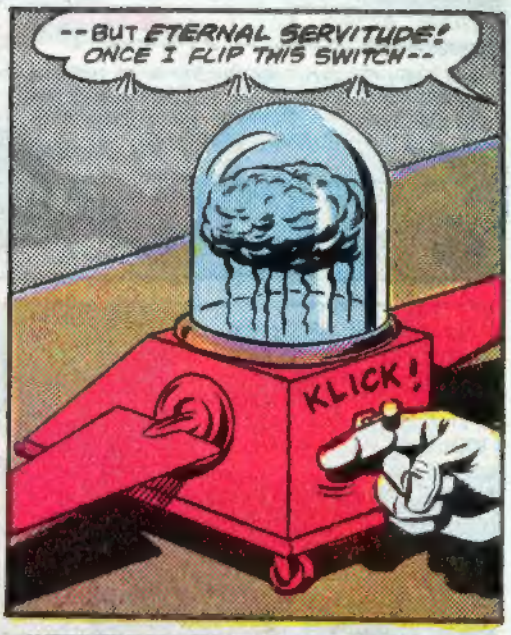
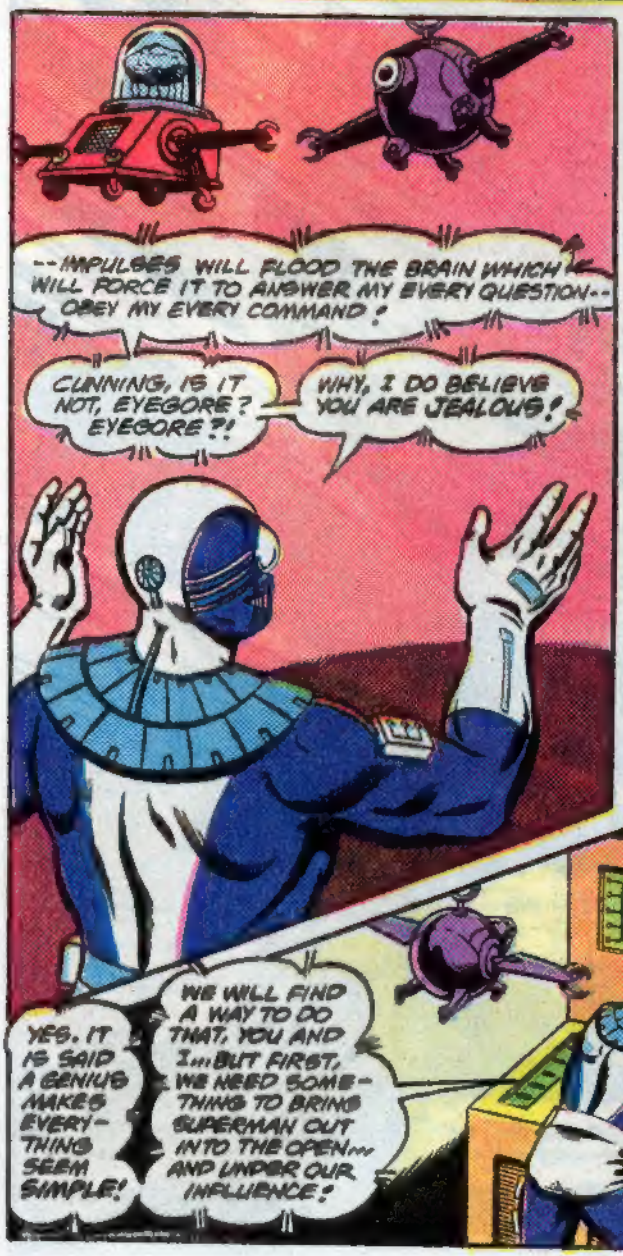
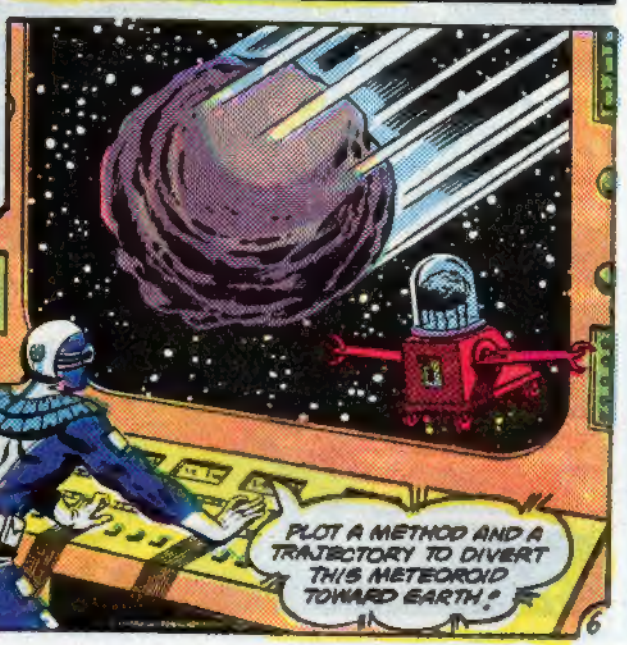

"--AND THERE'S NO GUESSING WHAT HE'LL DO WITH EINSTEIN'S BRAIN!"
YOU BROUGHT BACK ANOTHER ONE!?
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT THIS SPACECRAFT LOOKS LIKE A FLOATING SCRAPYARD? ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT WE BARELY HAVE ANY ROOM LEFT FOR LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT...
...LET ALONE YOUR VAST STOREHOUSE OF DATA--ORGANIC AND OTHERWISE?
QUIET, EYEGORE! THIS IS DELICATE. I DON'T WANT TO DAMAGE TISSUE.
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE VOICE BOX. IT'S NOT RESPONDING. IT'S INTERFACING WITH THE COMPUTER, BUT IT WON'T TALK.
(CRACKLE) NOTHING'S WRONG WITH IT! I'M JUST NOT CO-OPERATING!
YOUR OPINION DOESN'T ENTER INTO IT, EINBRAIN! I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO HELP ME FIND A WAY TO GET SUPERMAN'S BRAIN--AND YOU WILL--
(CRACKLE)--DO NOTHING OF THE SORT!
I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO HERE... BUT IT'S ALL WORTHLESS. DO YOU SEE? ALL THAT KNOWLEDGE YOU'VE COLLECTED...IT'S JUST LYING HERE LIKE A TURTLE ON ITS BACK... HELPLESS!
(CRACKLE) YOU DON'T USE KNOWLEDGE FOR ANY PURPOSE... YOU JUST COLLECT IT--AND IT COLLECTS DUST!
IMAGINATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWLEDGE!
IS IT?
THEN YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT I'M GOING TO DO--TO GET WHAT I WANT FROM YOU!

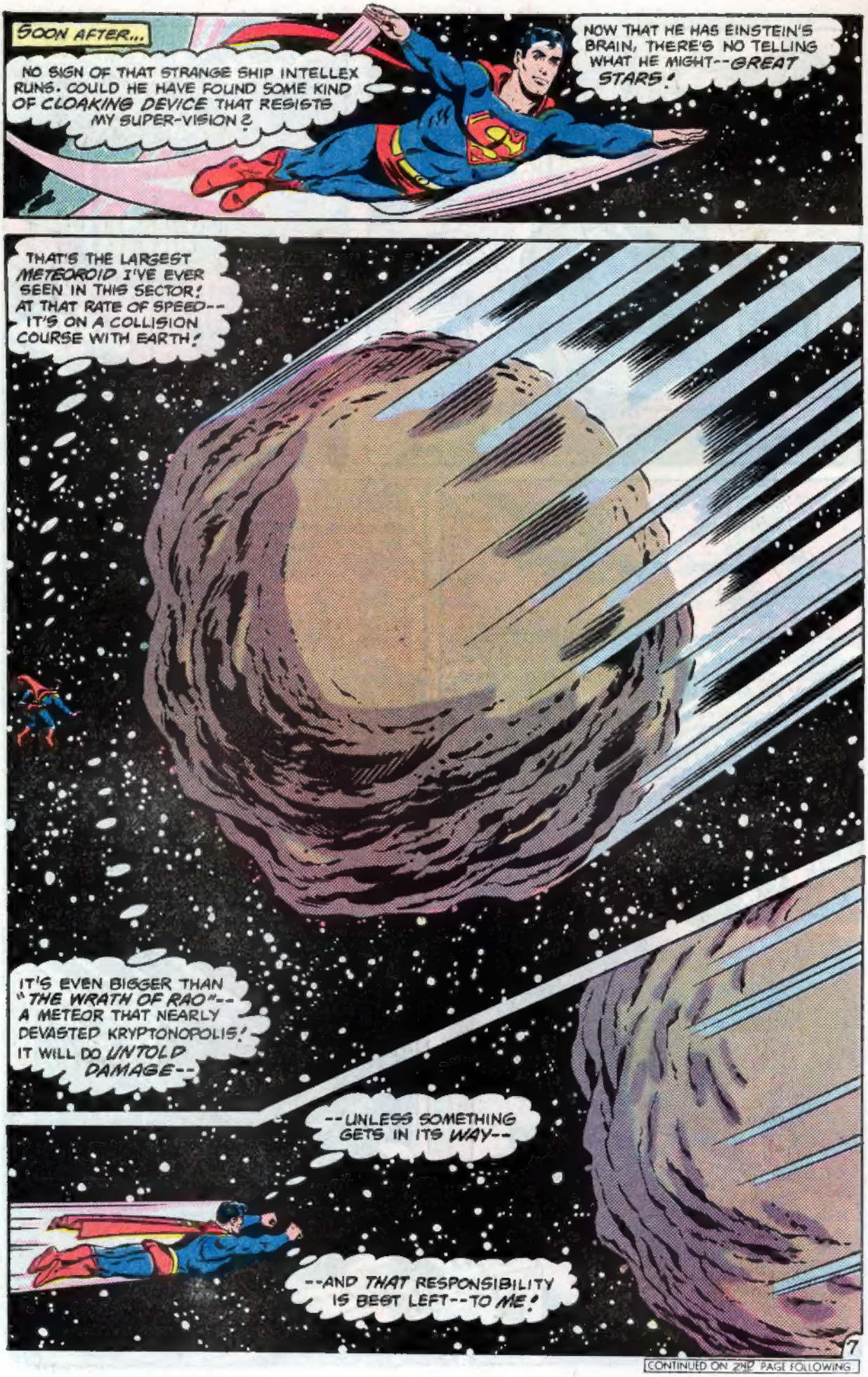

DO NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE ESTEEMED SCIENTIST DOES NOT REGISTER FEAR! YOU CAN HARDLY THREATEN HIM WITH DEATH!
NOT DEATH--


--BUT ETERNAL SERVITUDE! ONCE I FLIP THIS SWITCH--
KLICK!


--IMPULSES WILL FLOOD THE BRAIN WHICH WILL FORCE IT TO ANSWER MY EVERY QUESTION-- OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND!
CUNNING, IS IT NOT, EYEGORE? EYEGORE?!
WHY, I DO BELIEVE YOU ARE JEALOUS!
YES. IT IS SAID A GENIUS MAKES EVERY-THING SEEM SIMPLE!
WE WILL FIND A WAY TO DO THAT, YOU AND I... BUT FIRST, WE NEED SOME-THING TO BRING SUPERMAN OUT INTO THE OPEN... AND UNDER OUR INFLUENCE!

LISTEN, EINBRAIN! A KRYPTONIAN BRAIN IS A FABULOUS REPOSITORY OF DATA AND AN AMAZING COMPUTER IN ITS OWN RIGHT!
BUT A KRYPTONIAN SKULL IS IMPENE-TRABLE! NOW CAN I GET SUPERMAN'S BRAIN?
EVERY BRAIN HAS BRAIN WAVES! CONTROL THOSE AND YOU CONTROL HIS MIND!


PLOT A METHOD AND A TRAJECTORY TO DIVERT THIS METEOROID TOWARD EARTH!


SOON AFTER...
NO SIGN OF THAT STRANGE SHIP INTELLEX RUNS. COULD HE HAVE FOUND SOME KIND OF CLOAKING DEVICE THAT RESISTS MY SUPER-VISION?
NOW THAT HE HAS EINSTEIN'S BRAIN, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE MIGHT--GREAT STARS!
THAT'S THE LARGEST METEOROID I'VE EVER SEEN IN THIS SECTOR! AT THAT RATE OF SPEED--IT'S ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH EARTH!
IT'S EVEN BIGGER THAN "THE WRATH OF RAO"--A METEOR THAT NEARLY DEVASTED KRYPTONOPOLIS! IT WILL DO UNTOLD DAMAGE--
--UNLESS SOMETHING GETS IN ITS WAY--
--AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS BEST LEFT--TO ME!

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I DON'T KNOW HOW IT GOT HERE, OR HOW IT REMAINED UNDETECTED BY EARTH'S ASTRONOMERS FOR THIS LONG.
BUT SOON... ALL THEY'LL SEE DOWN BELOW IS A CLOUD OF SPACE-DUST!
ONE SOLID HIT AND I'LL--
--I'LL BE--
--ABLE TO SLEEP...
YEGGGG...
SLEEP...
ASTONISHING! HE IS SOUND ASLEEP! EVEN NOW I CAN BARELY BELIEVE IT WORKS!
YOUR FAITH IN THE DEVICE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
IT WORKS BY ALTERING SUPERMAN'S BRAIN-WAVE PATTERNS... UNTIL THEY RESEMBLE THE ONES HE EMITS WHILE IN A DEEP SLEEP.
HIS TRANCE WILL CONTINUE... AS LONG AS THAT DEVICE IS SWITCHED ON, CHANGING HIS BRAIN WAVES!
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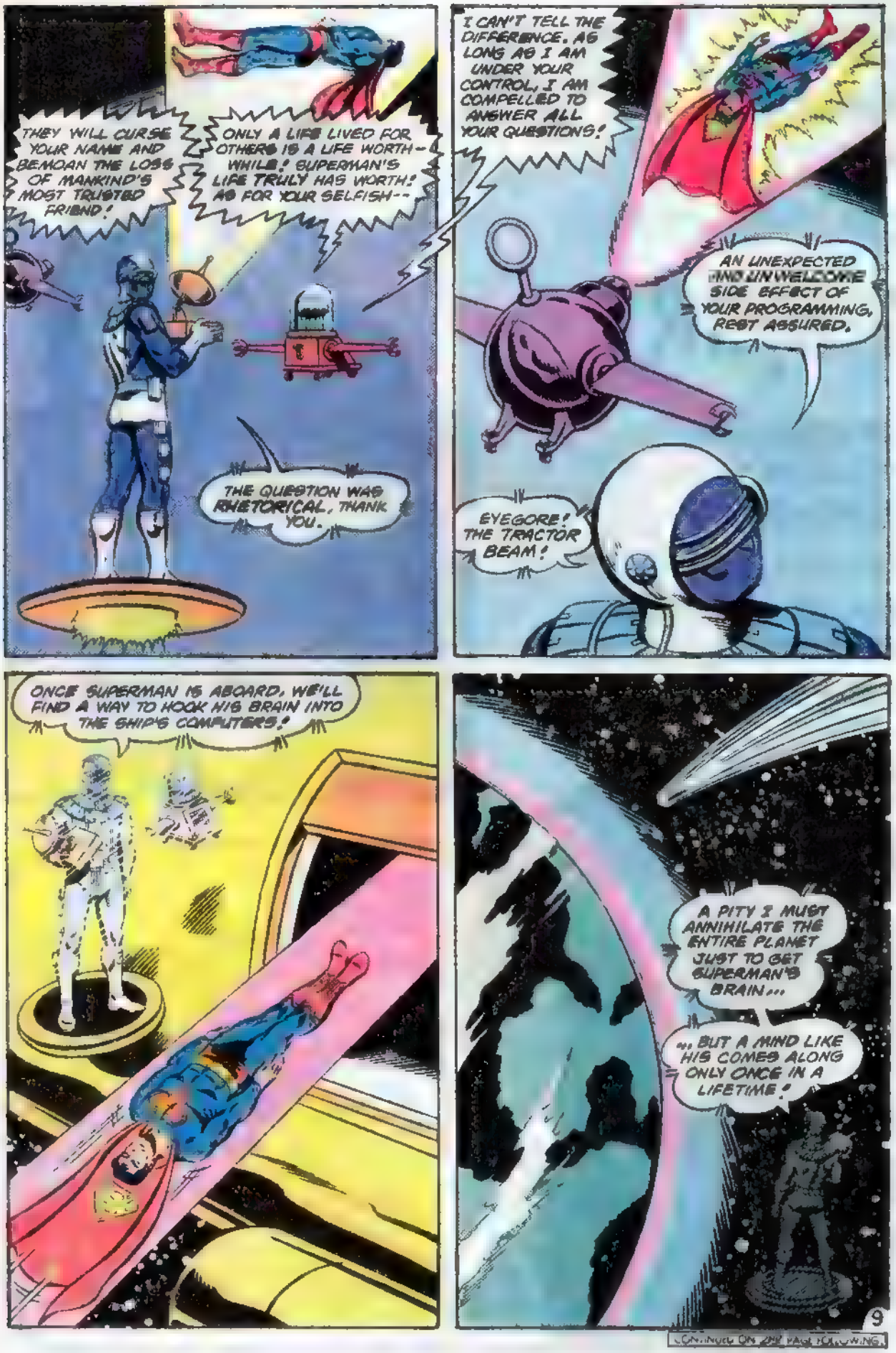
FASCINATING!
I WONDER WHAT THE PEOPLE OF EARTH WHO REVERE SUPERMAN SO... WOULD THINK IF THEY COULD SEE HIM HERE... HELPLESS LIKE THIS?


THEY WILL CURSE YOUR NAME AND BEMOAN THE LOSS OF MANKIND'S MOST TRUSTED FRIEND!
ONLY A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS IS A LIFE WORTH-WHILE! SUPERMAN'S LIFE TRULY HAS WORTH! AS FOR YOUR SELFISH--
THE QUESTION WAS RHETORICAL, THANK YOU.
I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE. AS LONG AS I AM UNDER YOUR CONTROL, I AM COMPELLED TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!
AN UNEXPECTED AND UNWELCOME SIDE EFFECT OF YOUR PROGRAMMING. REST ASSURED.
EYEGORE! THE TRACTOR BEAM!
ONCE SUPERMAN IS ABOARD, WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HOOK HIS BRAIN INTO THE SHIP'S COMPUTERS!
A PITY I MUST ANNIHILATE THE ENTIRE PLANET JUST TO GET SUPERMAN'S BRAIN...
...BUT A MIND LIKE HIS COMES ALONG ONLY ONCE IN A LIFETIME!

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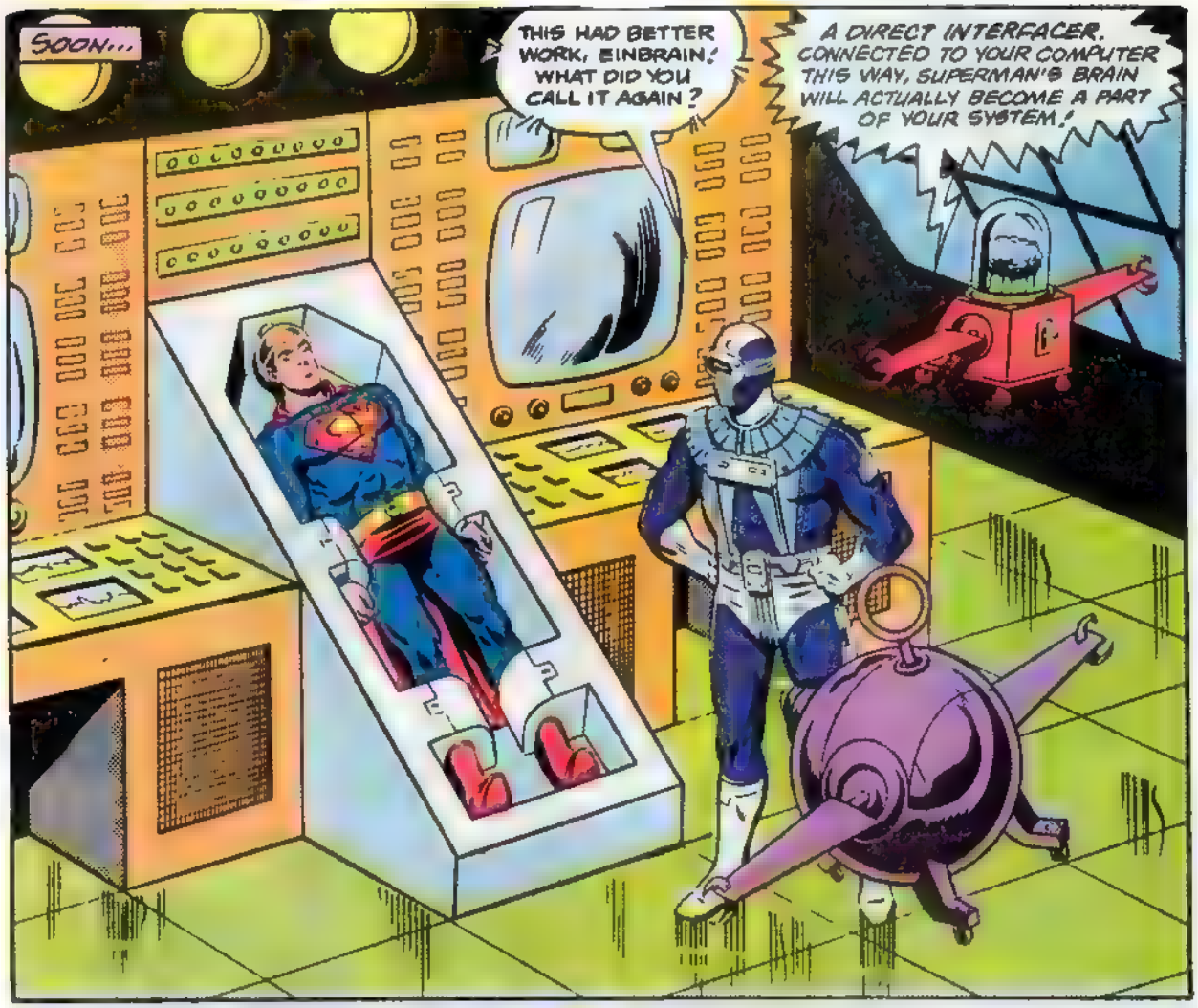
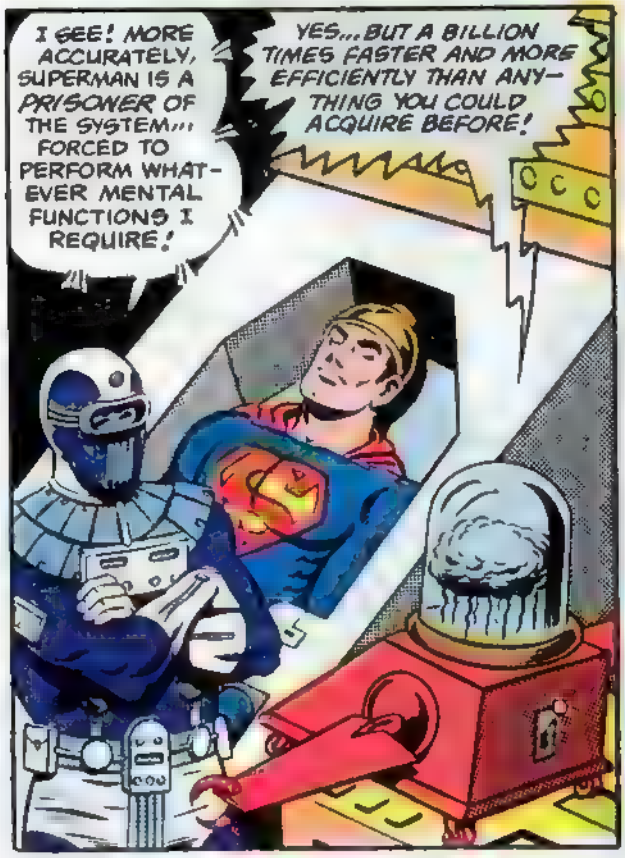
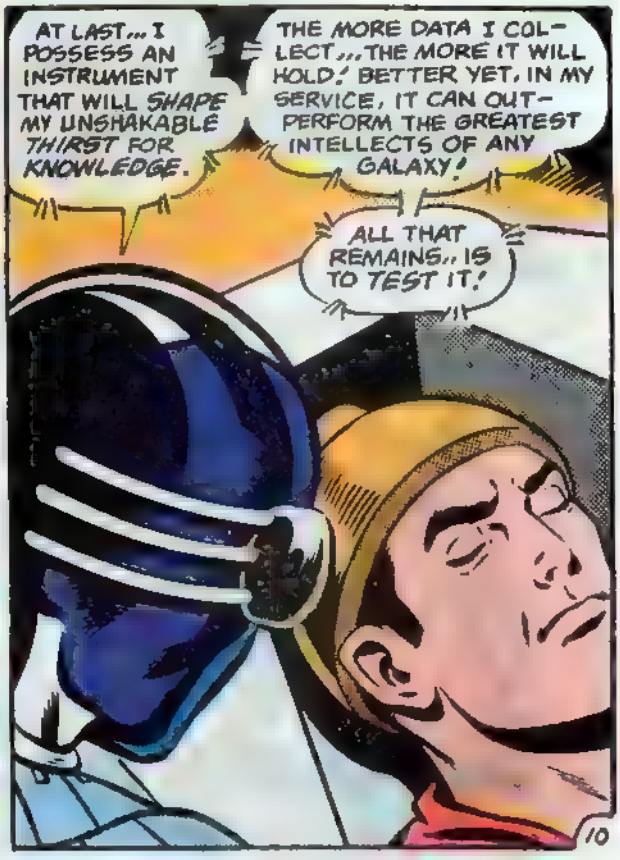
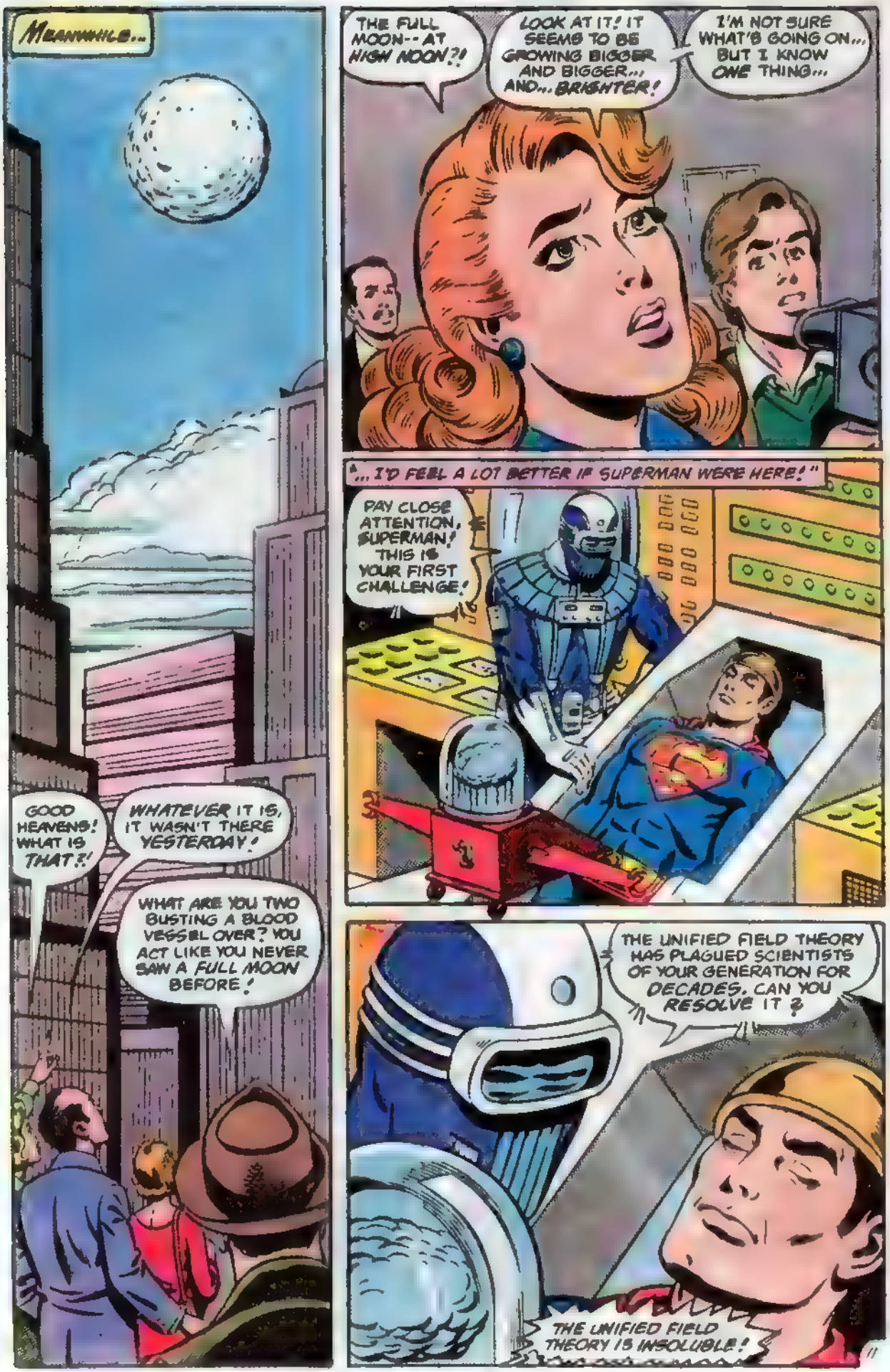

SOON...
THIS HAD BETTER WORK, EINBRAIN! WHAT DID YOU CALL IT AGAIN?
A DIRECT INTERFACER. CONNECTED TO YOUR COMPUTER THIS WAY, SUPERMAN'S BRAIN WILL ACTUALLY BECOME A PART OF YOUR SYSTEM!


I SEE! MORE ACCURATELY, SUPERMAN IS A PRISONER OF THE SYSTEM... FORCED TO PERFORM WHATEVER MENTAL FUNCTIONS I REQUIRE!
YES... BUT A BILLION TIMES FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN ANYTHING YOU COULD ACQUIRE BEFORE!


AT LAST... I POSSESS AN INSTRUMENT THAT WILL SHAPE MY UNSHAKABLE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.
THE MORE DATA I COLLECT... THE MORE IT WILL HOLD! BETTER YET, IN MY SERVICE, IT CAN OUTPERFORM THE GREATEST INTELLECTS OF ANY GALAXY!
ALL THAT REMAINS... IS TO TEST IT!


MEANWHILE...
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT IS THAT?!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT WASN'T THERE YESTERDAY!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO BUSTING A BLOOD VESSEL OVER? YOU ACT LIKE YOU NEVER SAW A FULL MOON BEFORE!
THE FULL MOON--AT HIGH NOON?!
LOOK AT IT! IT SEEMS TO BE GROWING BIGGER AND BIGGER... AND... BRIGHTER!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON... BUT I KNOW ONE THING...
"...I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF SUPERMAN WERE HERE!"
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, SUPERMAN! THIS IS YOUR FIRST CHALLENGE!
THE UNIFIED FIELD THEORY HAS PLAGUED SCIENTISTS OF YOUR GENERATION FOR DECADES. CAN YOU RESOLVE IT?
THE UNIFIED FIELD THEORY IS INSOLUBLE!

THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US PRESENTLY TO BE ABLE TO --
EINBRAIN--I-- WAS-- NOT TALKING TO--YOU!
IT WAS AN INVOLUNTARY RESPONSE. I AM PROGRAMMED TO ANSWER ALL OF YOUR INQUIRIES!
I FIND IT MEDDLE-SOME!
CLIK!
THERE! YOU ARE FREE OF THAT ANNOYING PROGRAMMING! HAVE THE COURTESY TO BE QUIET DURING THIS EXPERIMENT!
HMP! SERVES HIM RIGHT!
SUPERMAN, I REPEAT MY QUESTION: THE UNIFIED FIELD THEORY... CAN YOU RESOLVE IT?
NO, DO NOT STRAIN YOUR VOICE! A PRINT-OUT WILL BE SUFFICIENT!
ARE YOU GETTING DECENT PICTURES OF THAT THING?
PUT IT THIS WAY, LANA... IT'S KIND OF HARD TO MISS!
YOU'RE TOO...TOO RIGHT, MORTY! IF I ONLY KNEW WHERE WE COULD CONTACT SUPERMAN!
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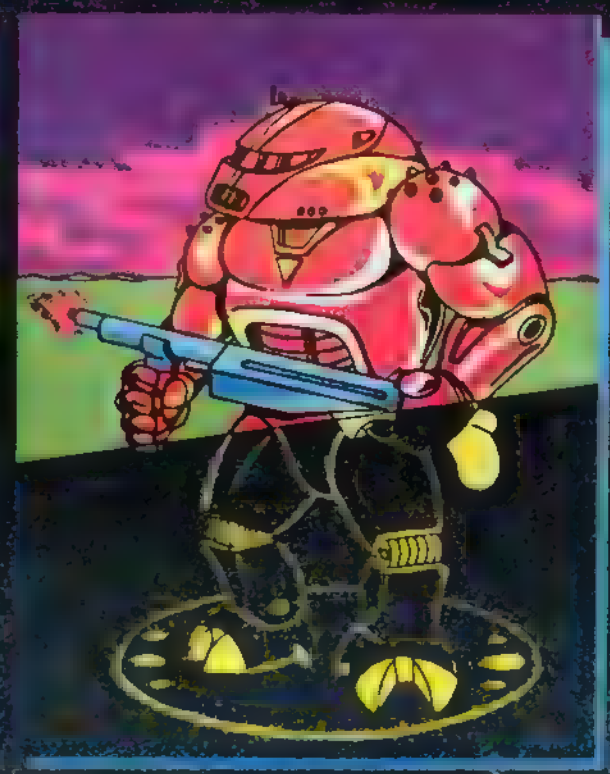

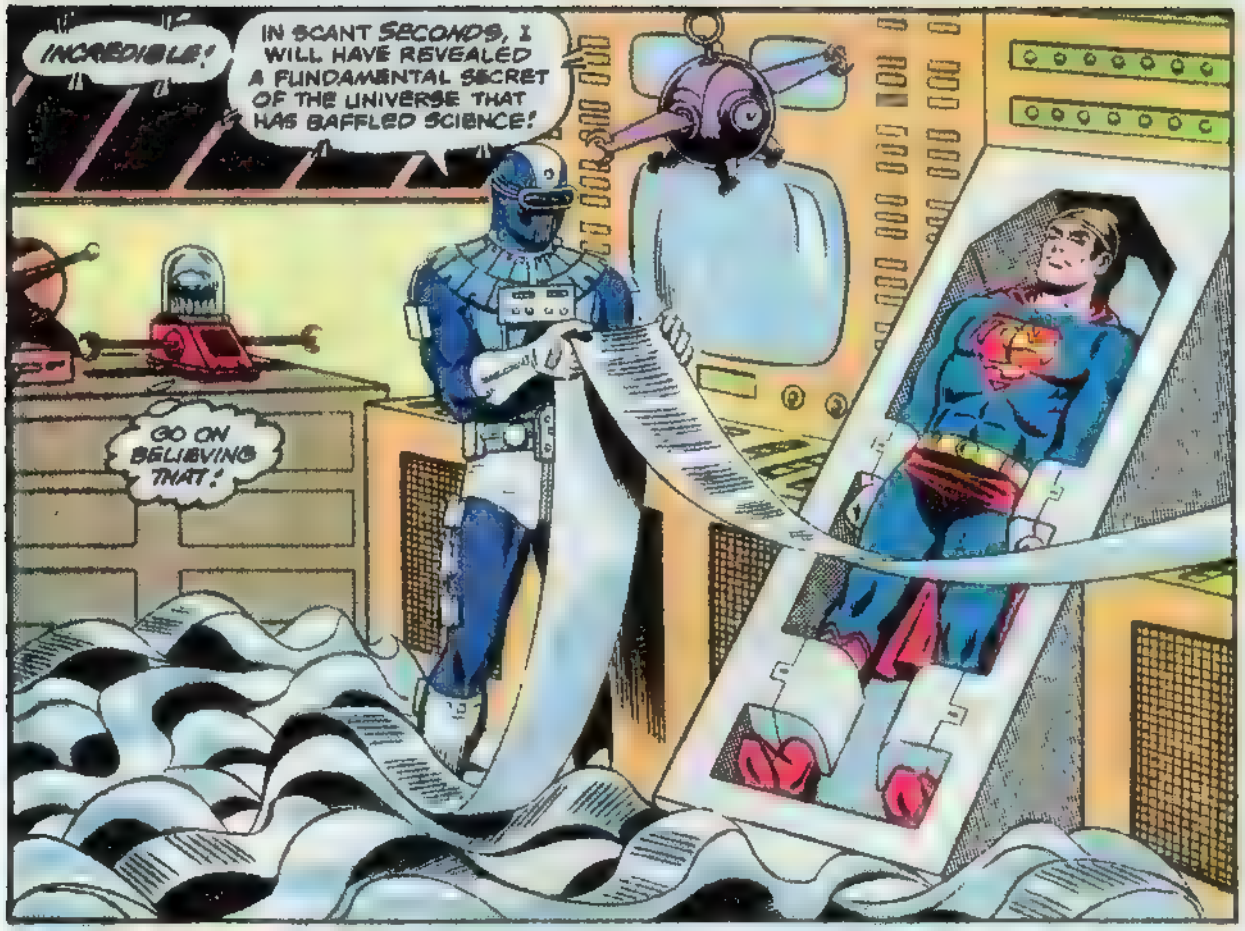
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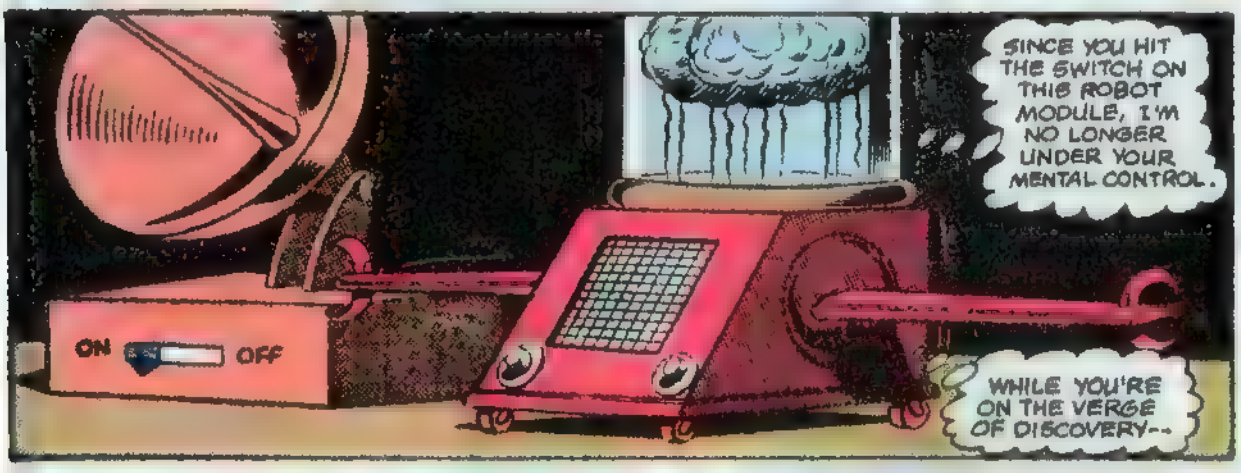
IN SCANT SECONDS, I WILL HAVE REVEALED A FUNDAMENTAL SECRET OF THE UNIVERSE THAT HAS BAFFLED SCIENCE!
GO ON BELIEVING THAT!


SINCE YOU HIT THE SWITCH ON THIS ROBOT MODULE, I'M NO LONGER UNDER YOUR MENTAL CONTROL.
ON
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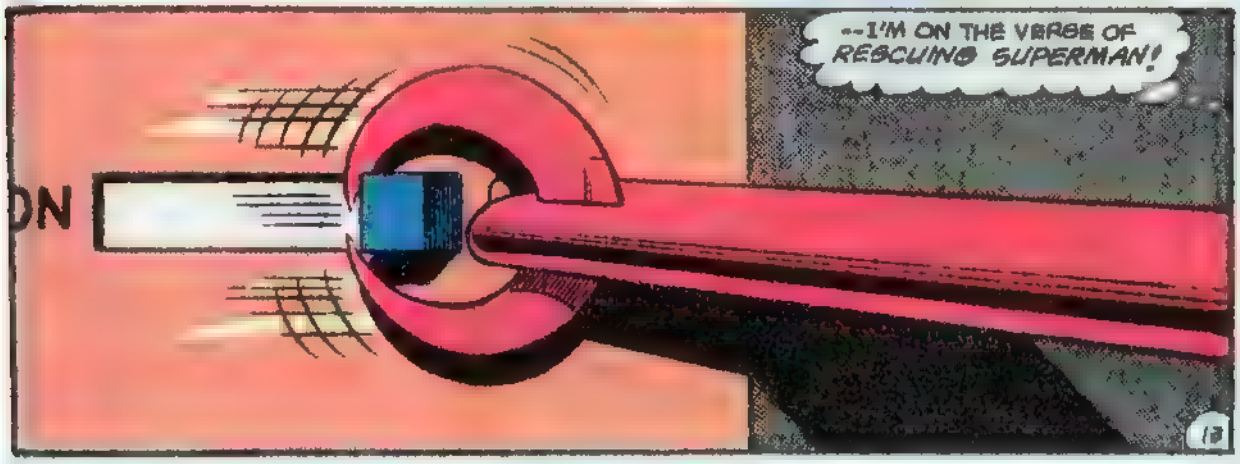
WHILE YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF DISCOVERY--


--I'M ON THE VERGE OF RESCUING SUPERMAN!
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NO LONGER THREATENED BY INTELLEX'S DEVICE--
--SUPERMAN'S BRAIN-WAVES CHANGE THEIR SHAPE--
--AND FUNCTION THE WAY THEY ALWAYS HAVE... AND ALWAYS WILL!
SKRRRRUNNNCHH!
YOU'VE LET YOUR HOBBY GO TO YOUR HEAD, INTELLEX!
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT METAL MONSTER COULD HOLD ME? YOUR BRAIN MUST BE GETTING SOFT!
PON
IN FACT... LET'S TEST IT TO SEE IF THAT'S TRUE!
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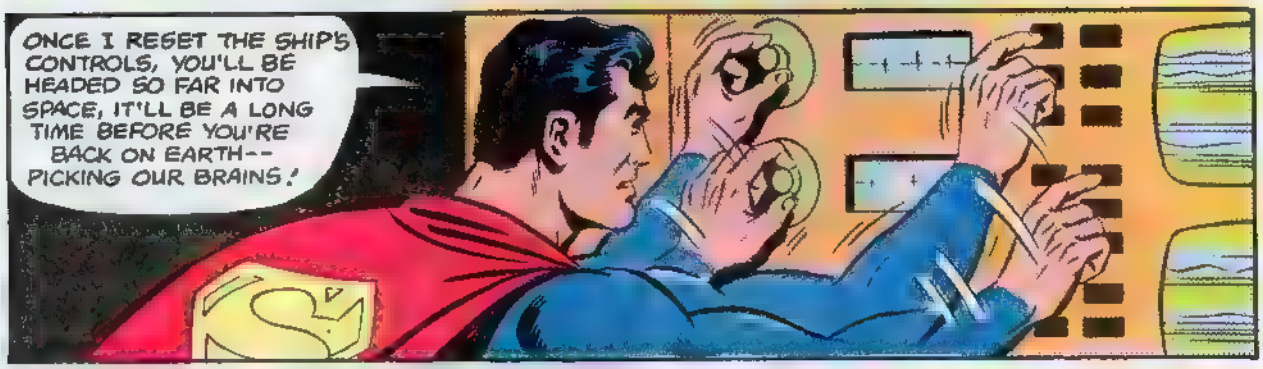
ONCE I RESET THE SHIP'S CONTROLS, YOU'LL BE HEADED SO FAR INTO SPACE, IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU'RE BACK ON EARTH-- PICKING OUR BRAINS!

A VERY CLEVER SETUP INTELLEX HAD FOR THIS-- ENABLING THE BRAIN TO COMMUNICATE VOCALLY IN INTERLAC!*
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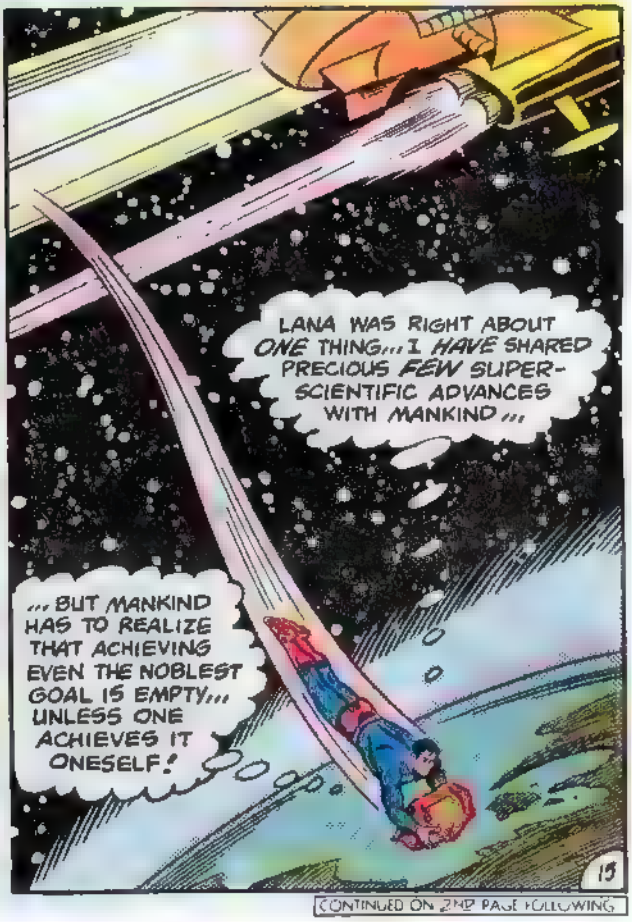
LANA WAS RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING... I HAVE SHARED PRECIOUS FEW SUPER-SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES WITH MANKIND...
...BUT MANKIND HAS TO REALIZE THAT ACHIEVING EVEN THE NOBLEST GOAL IS EMPTY... UNLESS ONE ACHIEVES IT ONESELF!
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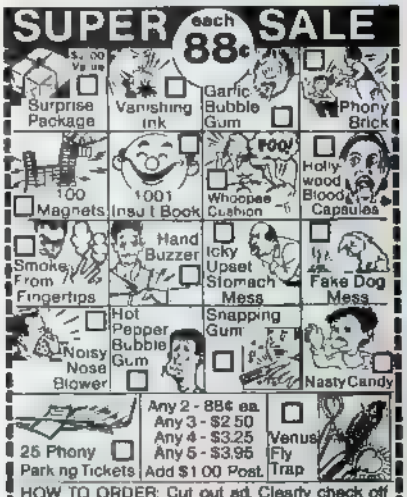

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--BUT THIS TIME... I'VE GOT TO CATCH A LOT MORE THAN A CATNAP!
IT'S FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM EARTH TO BE HARMLESS--
--WHICH MEANS... I CAN HAVE SOME FUN WITH IT!
AND... DOWN BELOW...
YOU MUST BE AWFULLY TIGHT WITH SUPERMAN, LANA...
HE NOT ONLY SAVED THE CITY... BUT HE GAVE US PLENTY OF GREAT FOOTAGE FOR THE 11 O'CLOCK NEWS!
THAT'S THE WAY SUPERMAN WORKS! ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS...
...WITH A BANG!
THE END

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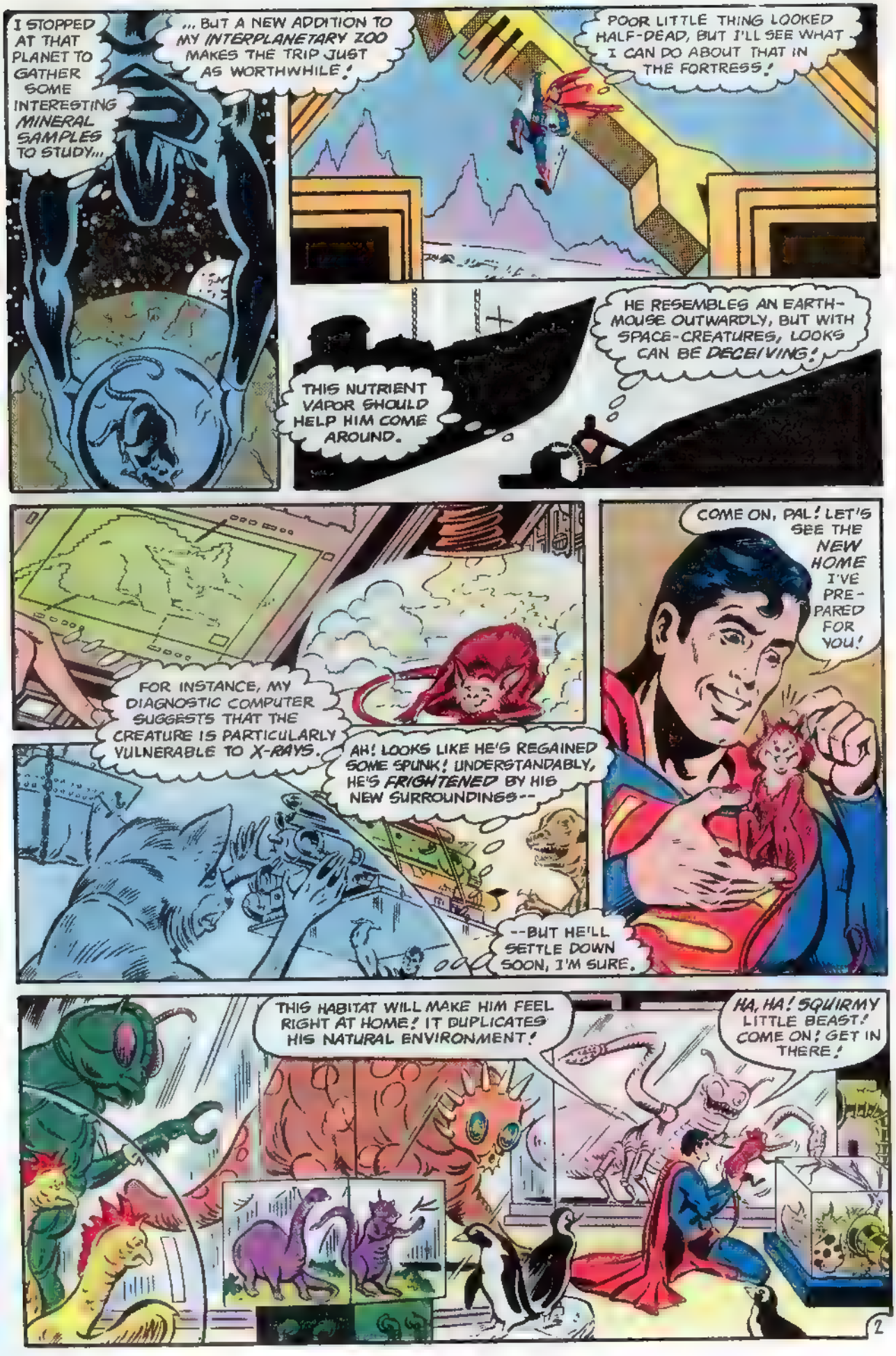
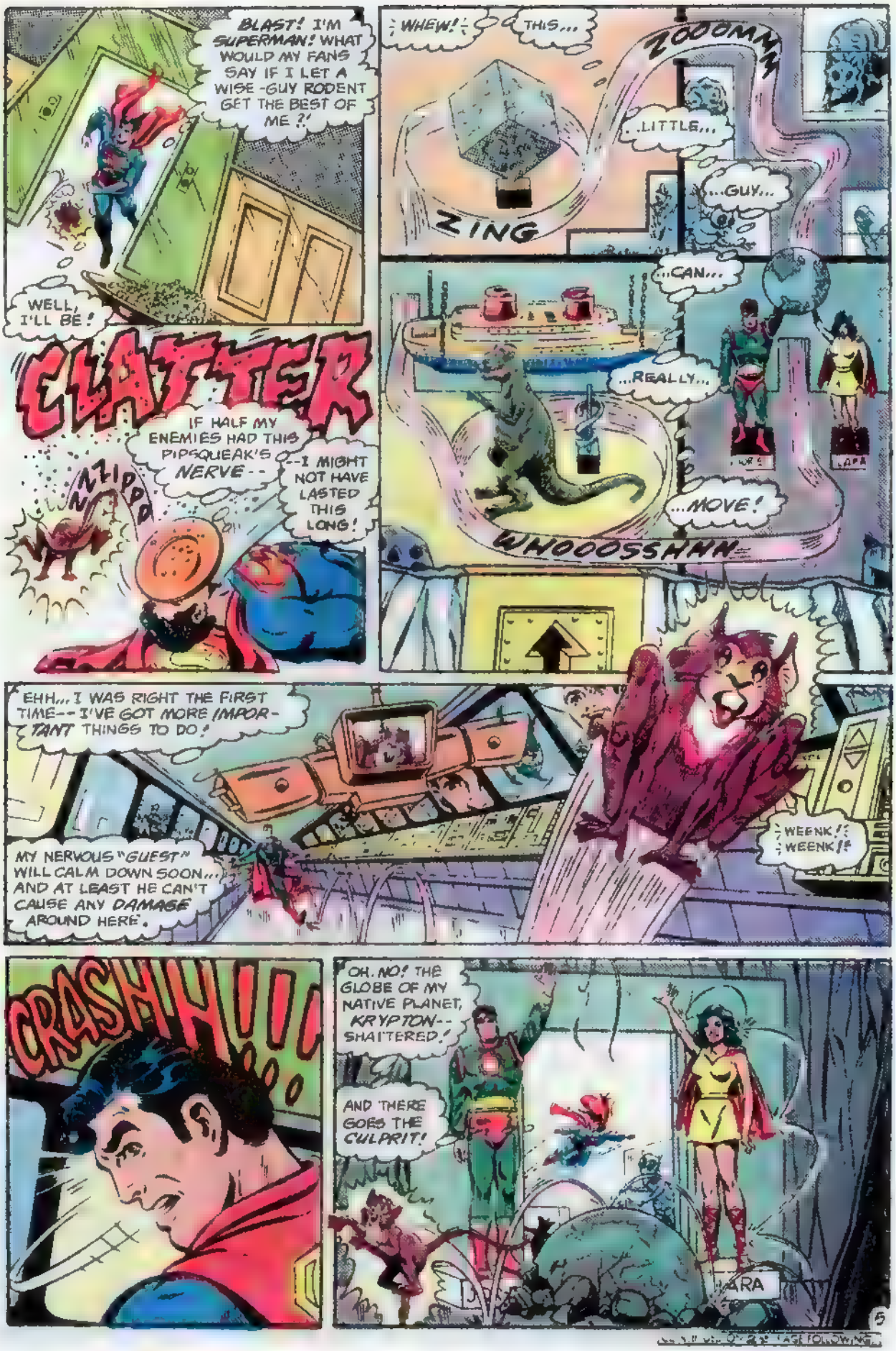

I STOPPED AT THAT PLANET TO GATHER SOME INTERESTING MINERAL SAMPLES TO STUDY...
...BUT A NEW ADDITION TO MY INTERPLANETARY ZOO MAKES THE TRIP JUST AS WORTHWHILE!
POOR LITTLE THING LOOKED HALF-DEAD, BUT I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THAT IN THE FORTRESS!
THIS NUTRIENT VAPOR SHOULD HELP HIM COME AROUND.
HE RESEMBLES AN EARTH-MOUSE OUTWARDLY, BUT WITH SPACE-CREATURES, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!
FOR INSTANCE, MY DIAGNOSTIC COMPUTER SUGGESTS THAT THE CREATURE IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO X-RAYS.
AH! LOOKS LIKE HE'S REGAINED SOME SPUNK! UNDERSTANDABLY, HE'S FRIGHTENED BY HIS NEW SURROUNDINGS--
--BUT HE'LL SETTLE DOWN SOON, I'M SURE.
COME ON, PAL! LET'S SEE THE NEW HOME I'VE PREPARED FOR YOU!
THIS HABITAT WILL MAKE HIM FEEL RIGHT AT HOME! IT DUPLICATES HIS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT!
HA, HA! SQUIRMY LITTLE BEAST! COME ON! GET IN THERE!

WHOOPS! AND AWAY HE GOES!
WELL, HE CAN'T AVOID ME FOR LONG--
--BUT HE'S GIVING IT HIS BEST SHOT!
HA! LOOK AT THIS! MY LITTLE SPACE MOUSE CAN REALLY POUR ON THE SPEED!
ZOOMMM
COME BACK HERE, YOU!
HE'S MOVING FAST! POSSIBLY AS FAST AS I--
WHOOPS!
ZIP
--AND CHANGES DIRECTION A SLIGHT BIT FASTER!
BZZ--URK! STAND BY FOR BZZ--
NOW, WHERE'D HE GO?
DAMAGE REPORT-- URK--
AH! HE'S IN MY DIARY ROOM! I CAN'T USE MY X-RAY EYES FOR FEAR OF KILLING HIM--
--BUT MY SUPER-EARS CAN PICK UP THE SOUND OF HIS HEART-BEAT AND FOOT-STEPS!
DIARY
HE MUST BE TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED! HIS HEART IS GOING LIKE A--
SKITCH! SCRATCH! SKITCH!
THUMP! THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
EH? IT STOPPED!
HE COULDN'T HAVE SUDDENLY DIED--
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

--COULD HE?
WHA--?!
SLAM!
THAT MOUSE IS MAKING A MONKEY OUT OF ME!
HE BOLTED OUT OF HERE AT SUPER-SPEED--WITHOUT MAKING ANY NOISE WHATSOEVER!
HMM... THAT GLOW AROUND HIM...
THAT MOUSE IS GENERATING SOME SORT OF SOUND-DEADENING FIELD.
PROBABLY A NATURAL DEFENSE THAT ALLOWS HIM TO HIDE FROM PREDATORS--AND SUPER-HEROES!
GRAIN
WELL, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH A RODENT!
I'LL LEAVE THIS FOOD OUT! HE'LL TURN UP ONCE HE GETS GOOD AND HUNGRY!
I'VE GOT IMPORTANT WORK TO GET DONE...


BLAST! I'M SUPERMAN! WHAT WOULD MY FANS SAY IF I LET A WISE-GUY RODENT GET THE BEST OF ME?!
WELL, I'LL BE!
CLATTER
IF HALF MY ENEMIES HAD THIS PIPSQUEAK'S NERVE--
--I MIGHT NOT HAVE LASTED THIS LONG!
NZIPP
WHEW!
THIS...
ZOOMM
...LITTLE...
...GUY...
ZING
...CAN...
...REALLY...
...MOVE!
WHOOOSSHHH
EHH... I WAS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME--I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!
MY NERVOUS "GUEST" WILL CALM DOWN SOON... AND AT LEAST HE CAN'T CAUSE ANY DAMAGE AROUND HERE.
WEENK! WEENK!
CRASH!!!
OH, NO! THE GLOBE OF MY NATIVE PLANET, KRYPTON--SHATTERED!
AND THERE GOES THE CULPRIT!
ARA
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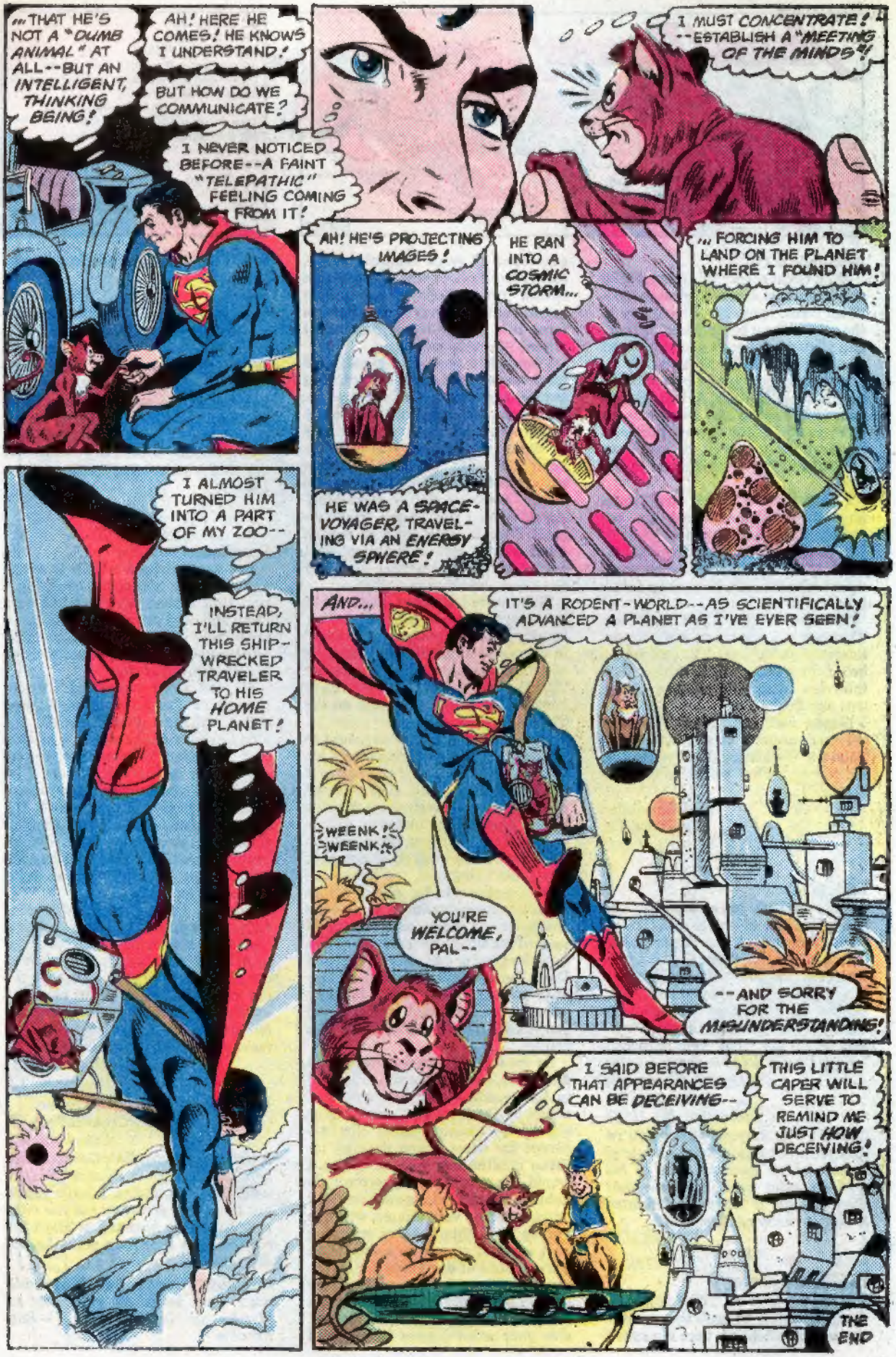
HIS "AURA OF SILENCE" KEPT ME FROM HEARING HIM CHEW THROUGH THE SUPPORT WIRES!
UNGRATEFUL LITTLE --
HERE HE COMES AGAIN-- FASTER THAN THE PROVERBIAL SPEEDING BULLET!
BUT THIS TIME-- I'VE GOT HIM!
CLAP!
ZIIPPP!
QUAK!
SKAWK
NOW, BUSTER! I-- WHA--?
:WEENK! :WEENK!:
ZIPPPP
MY TWO-HEADED BIRD FROM THE PLANET DUPLOR DIDN'T SIMPLY ESCAPE--THE LOCK ON ITS CAGE HAS BEEN GNAWED THROUGH!
AND IT'S NOT HARD TO GUESS BY WHOM!
KRASH!
NOW WHAT? THAT RAT HAS TEETH THAT JUST WON'T QUIT!
THAT DISPLAY CASE OF KRYPTONITE! GOOD THING THEY'RE JUST IMITATIONS!
THAT PEST IS STRONGER THAN HE LOOKS, AND BENT ON MAYHEM! I'VE GOT TO COLLAR HIM, AND FAST!

THERE HE IS! HIS SPEED IS CARRYING HIM RIGHT UP THE WALL!
BANG!
AT LEAST MY SUPER-BREATH WILL SAVE MA AND PA FROM A HARD LANDING!
PUFFF!
KER-ASHH!
ELSEWHERE...
THAT LITTLE MONSTER'S RANDOM DESTRUCTION HAS GOT TO STOP!
"RANDOM"...? WAIT A MINUTE...
...I MAY HAVE MADE A HUGE MISTAKE HERE!
THERE GOES MY BIZARRO WORLD MODEL!
THAT CONFIRMS MY THEORY!
ZZZZOOOOMMM
CRAK!
MOMENTARILY...
NOW LET'S CHECK OUT THE RODENT'S "HANDIWORK"!
A SINGLE-SURFACED OBJECT...
TWO HEADS...
THREE PIECES...
FOUR CORNERS...
FIVE POINTS...
SIX SIDES...
I CAN LET HIM KNOW THAT I FINALLY GOT THE MESSAGE HE'S TRIED SO DESPERATELY TO CONVEY...


...THAT HE'S NOT A "DUMB ANIMAL" AT ALL--BUT AN INTELLIGENT, THINKING BEING!
AH! HERE HE COMES! HE KNOWS I UNDERSTAND!
BUT HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?
I NEVER NOTICED BEFORE--A FAINT "TELEPATHIC" FEELING COMING FROM IT!
I MUST CONCENTRATE! --ESTABLISH A "MEETING OF THE MINDS"!
AH! HE'S PROJECTING IMAGES!
HE WAS A SPACE-VOYAGER, TRAVELING VIA AN ENERGY SPHERE!
HE RAN INTO A COSMIC STORM...
...FORCING HIM TO LAND ON THE PLANET WHERE I FOUND HIM!
I ALMOST TURNED HIM INTO A PART OF MY ZOO--
INSTEAD, I'LL RETURN THIS SHIP-WRECKED TRAVELER TO HIS HOME PLANET!
AND...
IT'S A RODENT-WORLD--AS SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED A PLANET AS I'VE EVER SEEN!
WEENK! WEENK!
YOU'RE WELCOME, PAL--
--AND SORRY FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING!
I SAID BEFORE THAT APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEIVING--
THIS LITTLE CAPER WILL SERVE TO REMIND ME JUST HOW DECEIVING!
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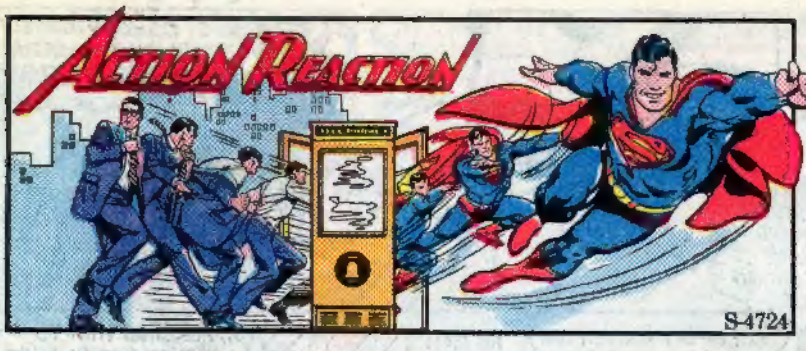

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Dear Julie & Co.,

#571. Great cover! This has got to be one of the best covers to grace a 1985-dated comic book. It's, like, grody to the max without being, like, total barf out, y'know? (Haven't you ever heard of a Southern Valley Girl, Julie?)

The living protoplasm bit reminded me of Luthor's origin. At least Superman didn't cause Dr. Herman to go bald, and hopefully she will decide to be one of the good gals, as *Superman* admonishes her to at the end of the story.

I liked Perry's "If we didn't have any disgruntled readers ... we wouldn't be doing our jobs!" Sort of DC Comics' view of its readership, huh? (Just kidding, although even disgruntling us can be healthy for us fans at times!)

Thresher to the 222nd power (or Thresher 222, for short) made for an interesting character. The part where he's filling in for Clark during that interview with Councilman Gregg was terrific.

Maybe we'll see Thresh (for even shorter) around again sometime. Then the Weems could have *him* over for supper. (What would he eat, the Toaster?)

Barh Schroeder
Nashville, TN

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Dear Julie,

"Has anybody got an aspirin?" sez Clark Kent on the cover of *ACTION* #571. And, indeed, the headaches of our hero were numerous, and I was surprised that Elliot Maggin, basically a serious writer, showed such solid flashes of humor in "Mission to Earth." The yakking Congressman was good for what you may call "cheap laughs," I love cheap laughs.

CHARLES D. BROWN
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Charles, I'm surprised that you're surprised that Elliot S! has a sense of humor—check back to some of his previous tales and you'll see that there's quite a bit of understated humor in many of them.—LR

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Dear Julie and Bob,

If the cover of *ACTION* #571 was designed purely to grab the prospective buyer's attention, then I'm sure it succeeded (I can't honestly judge, since I buy the book whatever is on the cover). Brian Bolland has drawn some beautiful covers for DC, but this must rate as the most—how can I phrase it?—outstanding.

I would be interested to know if this issue was an example of a story being written based on a cover illustration. If such was the case, it might go some way to explain why, for the first time in many a moon, I was left disappointed with an Elliot Maggin story. After finishing "Mission to Earth," I was left with an overall feeling of what I like to call "could've-itis." That is, this could've been a *great* story. But something went wrong and it was neither good nor truly bad. Just disappointing.

There were too many instances in this story which seemed contrived, leaving it difficult for me to "believe" in what was happening. An example of what I mean, on page 16: Thresher 222 recovered his (its?) memory upon hearing Dr. Herman's name on the TV. Howcum? Then on page 18, Thresher claims it was exposure to Herman's formula which restored his memory. But he wasn't exposed to it until that page. Also, surely *Superman* would have been wiser to use a friend, *Batman* for instance, to substitute for Clark Kent, than risk an alien android at such short notice. It just doesn't ring true, you know.

On the plus side, Dr. Alice Herman looks to have potential as a recurring character. As indicated on the final page of the story, she could return as a force for good or evil. Alex Saviuk and Dave Hunt provided their customary high standard of artwork. Nothing spectacular but good, solid visual storytelling, the "bread and butter" of comics.

By the way, I'm sorry to have left it for so late, but if you're still interested in how readers buy their comics, I would like to say that I pay for mine out of my unemployment checks—except for when I was working for seven months last year, of course. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my long-suffering and understanding wife, Elaine, who has put up with this habit of spending vast sums of money on comics with nary a word of complaint for eleven years of marriage. I've come to realize exactly how lucky I am to have such a companion—and how lucky DC is, else your sales figures in England would have plummeted! So now you know.

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Well, Elaine, now you have it in print—appreciation for all your support and endurance. You sound like a wonderful and rare wife to me; I don't think I'd *be as understanding! And, by the way, Dale, the story was indeed one that was inspired by the cover!—LR*

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Dear Laurie Rozakis,

I've never written a letter to someone in charge of a comic book, but I find that I must take typewriter in hand and drop you a line. I have some top-secret information which will answer your questions about Michael Wolff's marital status.

Michael Wolff is married. I know because I'm Denise Wolff, sometimes called "Michael Wolff's Wife." We also have a son, Jeremiah, who can spot *Superman* three miles away in costume or in Clark Kent togs. (He also likes Transformers, but who ever said three-year-olds had taste?) We live in Pasadena about five minutes from Gilly's, and we both dislike country music. What else can the poor man do on weekends except write *Superman* stories?

How do *I* like *Superman?* Truthfully, I haven't read enough to give a qualified answer. I did read the story in *ACTION* #571, but it neither moved me nor put me to sleep. Average for the course, I suppose. I used to read it avidly when I was younger and I hope for greatness in future issues no matter who does the writing.

DENISE C. WOLFF
Pasadena, TX

P.S. I did NOT put her up to this!

MICHAEL WOLFF
Pasadena, TX

A testimonial from Dale Coe about his wife. A letter from Michael Wolff's wife. Come on, ladies, I know you're out there. I'm certainly not the only woman whose husband is stuck on comics. Let's hear from you!—Laurie Rozakis

Hey, guys, I think we're in big trouble now! We'd better all remember to "Look, up in the sky...!"—Bob Rozakis

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2. All prizes, estimated value of $30,500.00, will be awarded in a random drawing conducted on June 15, 1986 under the supervision of H. Olsen Company, an independent judging organization, all decisions of which are final. Mars, Inc. assumes no responsibility for lost, misdirected, or late mail. Winners will be notified by mail within 30 days.
3. Prizes are: (100) Grand Prizes: SCHWINN® Predator™ Free Form EX™ Bicycles; (500) First Prizes: HARO® BMX Biking Gloves.
4. Prizes are not transferable. Only one prize to a family, or household or organization. Winners may not substitute prizes and may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility and release. Mars, Inc. reserves the right to substitute prizes with similar items of equal value.
5. These sweepstakes are open to all residents of the U.S. except employees of Mars, Inc., and agencies servicing this promotion. Void wherever prohibited or restricted by law. Tax liability is the sole responsibility of the winners.
6. For a list of major prize winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: STARBURST® Fruit Chews BMX Sweepstakes Winners List, P.O. Box CC, Libertyville, IL 60048. NO PURCHASE REQUIRED.

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Please enter my name in the STARBURST® Fruit Chews BMX Sweepstakes:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Indicate Glove Size: Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____

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